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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

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The references listed above were cited by the International Examiner in the Search Report (copy enclosed) of Applicant's counterpart international patent application no. PCT/EP01/11922 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

Copies of the above-listed foreign references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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